

Inventor(s): Harold W. Steele and Phillip A. TanisFor: UNIVERSAL LIFTER FOOT ASSEMBLY FOR REMOVAL OF CORE BLOCK FROM MOLD

VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY  
STATUS (37 C.F.R. § 1.9[f] and 1.27[c]) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

I hereby declare that I am:

( ) the owner of the small business concern identified below:

( X ) an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below.

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I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 C.F.R. § 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention, entitled UNIVERSAL LIFTER FOOT ASSEMBLY FOR REMOVAL OF CORE BLOCK FROM MOLD by inventor(s) Harold W. Steele and Phillip A. Tanis described in:

( X ) the specification filed herewith.

If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below\* and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(c) or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(e). \*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities (37 C.F.R. § 1.27).

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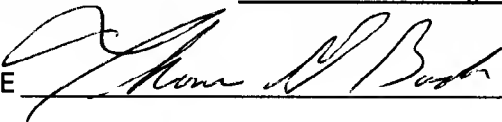
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**NONPUBLICATION  
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UNDER  
35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

First Named Inventor | Harold W. Steele

Title | UNIVERSAL LIFTER FOOT ASSEMBLY FOR  
REMOVAL OF CORE BLOCK FROM MOLD


Atty Docket Number | HSD01 P-100

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

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